

REMARKS

Consideration of the application in view of the present amendment is respectfully requested.

Claim Rejections 35 USC § 112

The Office Action rejected claims 22 and 23 as being indefinite. As amended, claim 22 recites a shroud connected to the plate portion by said leg portions and a pair of wing portions that extend from said shroud. This subject matter is supported by page 8, lines 3-29 of the specification and Figures 7-10. Claim 22 meets the requirements of 35 USC § 112.

Claim 23 has been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer.

Claim Rejections 35 USC § 102

The Office Action rejected claims 21-30 as anticipated by U.S. patent number 4,444,447 to Markwardt.

Claim 21 has been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer.

Claim 22 is directed to a cover for an electrical assembly. The cover includes a plate portion, leg portions, a shroud, a pair of wing portions, and a pair of rectangular tab portions. The shroud is connected to the plate portion by the leg portions. The leg portions define openings between the plate portion and the shroud that allow a sealant to flow into an area between the plate portion and the shroud. The wing portions extend from the shroud. The rectangular tab portions extend from the wing portions.

Amended claim 22 is not anticipated by the Markwardt patent, because claim 22 includes features that are not shown or suggested by the Markwardt patent. For example, the Markwardt patent does not show or suggest the leg portions that define openings between the plate portion and the shroud that allow a sealant to flow into an area between the plate portion and the shroud. Claim 22 is in condition for allowance.

Claim 23 is cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer.

Claim 24 depends from claim 22 and is also in condition for allowance.

Claims 25-28 are cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer.

The Office Action rejected claim 29 as anticipated by the Markwardt patent and U.S. patent number 5,637, 002 to Buck et al.

Amended claim 29 features a cover for an electrical assembly that includes a plate portion, leg portions extending away from the plate portion, a shroud, a sealant, a wing portion, and a tab portion. The shroud is connected to the plate portion by the leg portions. The leg portions define openings between the plate portion and the shroud. A sealant is disposed in the

openings between the plate portion and the shroud. The wing portion extends from the shroud portion. A tab portion extends from the wing portion.

Amended claim 29 is not anticipated by the Markwardt patent or the Buck et al. Patent, because claim 22 includes features that are not shown or suggested by the Markwardt patent or the Buck et al. Patents. For example, the Markwardt patent and the Buck et al. Patents do not show or suggest a sealant disposed in openings between a plate portion and a shroud. Claim 29 is in condition for allowance.

Claim 30 depends from claim 29 and is also in condition for allowance.

New claim 31 is directed to a cover for an electrical assembly. New claim 31 includes features that are not shown or suggested by the references. For example, claim 31 requires a sealant applied to the plate portion, such that the sealant flows through the openings into an area between the plate portion and the shroud. New claim 31 is in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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